

## **EHA Award of Merit - Robert Harvey**

**Bob Harvey has made a major contribution to the recognition of the engineering heritage of Canberra and more widely, though his promotion of heritage in his work environment and within Engineers Australia.**

**As a civil engineer in the Australian Capital Territory electricity and water organisation (ACTEW), Bob championed the cause of heritage recognition and conservation with senior management, ACTEW staff and the wider community. His passion for heritage was instrumental in ACTEW historical assets associated with power generation, water supply and sewerage being valued and retained.**

**In addition to his contribution to the recognition of Canberra infrastructure from within ACTEW, his promotion of heritage in the Canberra Division of Engineers Australia was noteworthy. He was an active Division committee member and served as Division Deputy Chairman along with his participation, leadership and encouragement of new membership in the Canberra Heritage Panel from 1988. Bob was Secretary of the Heritage Panel (later Engineering Heritage Canberra), from 1991 to 1995, Chairman from 1996 to 1998 and Treasurer from 1999 until 2004.**

**During that time he was involved with encouraging conservation of the Cotter Hydro Pump by apprentices and trade staff, conservation work in the Cotter pumping station by volunteers with professional supervision, supporting applications for grants for heritage studies, the conduct of oral history recording of former employees at Cotter and the Kingston Power Station, and arranging open days for public inspection of these facilities. He was also active in arranging visits to engineering heritage sites and events in the region, the drafting of the ACT Engineering Heritage self-guided drive program, and in the organising committee for the National Engineering Heritage Conference held in Canberra in 2001. He also had a major role with the engineering heritage recognition of the Kingston Powerhouse, the Tharwa Bridge and the Cotter River Dam Precinct.**

**Bob was the Canberra Division representative on the National Engineering Heritage Committee from 1996 to 1999, where he contributed among other things, to the National Plaquing Program.**

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